

Illawarra Shoalhaven

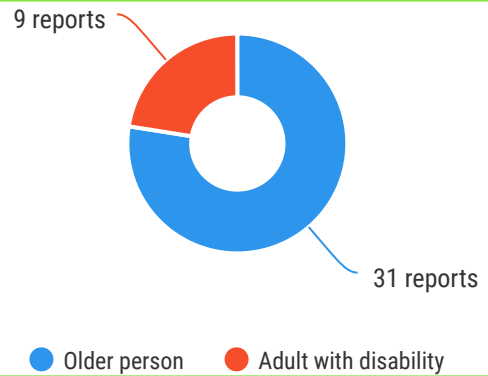
Kiama & Shellharbour



The Ageing & Disability Commission (ADC) received 40 reports related to allegations or concerns of abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability in **Kiama and Shellharbour** in 2020*.

77%

of reports received in this region related to an older person.*



Of reports related to **adults with disability***

66%

were female



Of reports related to **older people***

58%

were female



55%

of reports about **adults with disability** were made by a **paid worker^A** followed by the person experiencing abuse



25%

of reports about **older people** came from a **paid worker^A**

38%

of reports came from the **adult child** of the older person

9%

from the adult experiencing abuse themselves



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report came from an adult who identified as **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander~**



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reports involved adults who spoke a language other than English at home

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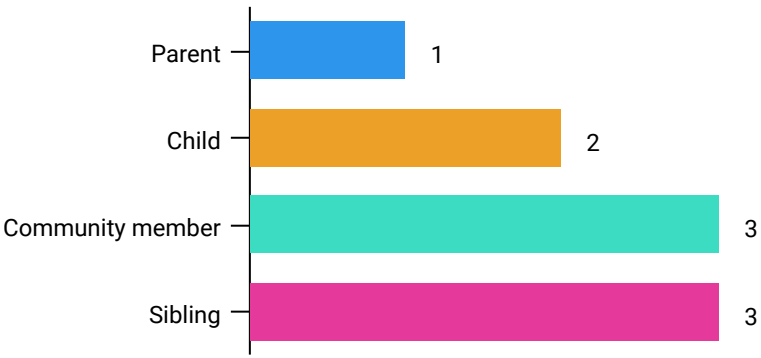


* Information taken from the Ageing & Disability Commission data collected between 1 January - 31 December 2020 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

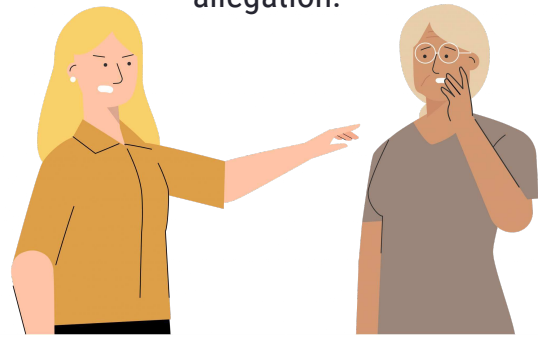
^AA paid worker is defined as a formal paid support, for example an NDIS support worker or CHSP support worker.

~ Adults who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and who are 50 years of age and over.

Reports about adults with disability most **commonly involved the adults sibling and a member of their community*** as the subject of allegation.

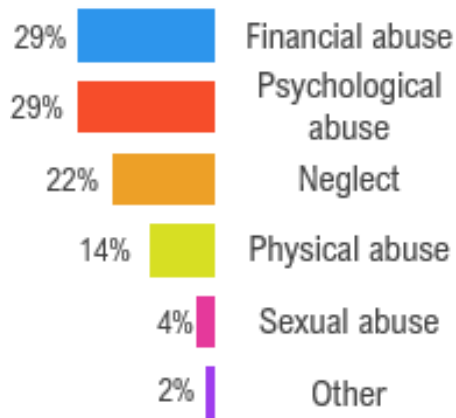


83% of reports about older people involved family members, **mainly adult children***, as the subject of allegation.

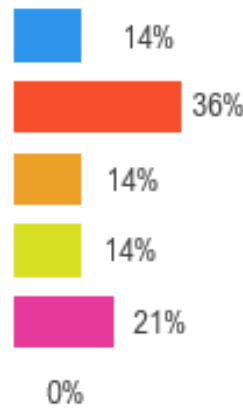


The most commonly reported types of abuse towards older people were **verbal abuse and preventing access to family and friends, failure to meet support needs** and **financial exploitation**.

Older persons



Adults with disability



The most commonly reported type of abuse towards adults with disability were **financial exploitation, verbal abuse** and **sexual assault**.

What else do we know about the Illawarra Shoalhaven?

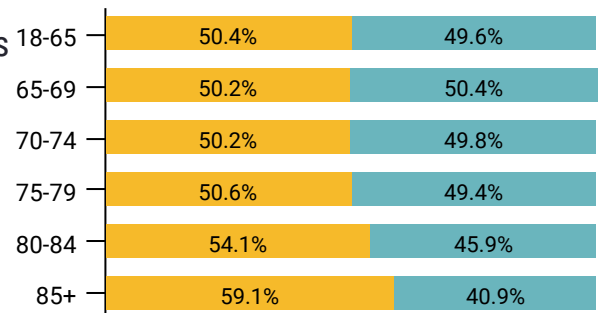
25%

of the population are over the age of 65.



The age splits across men and women are relatively even, with slightly more women than men aged 80+.

● Female ● Male



68% of all households are

family households **28%** are single person households and **2%** are group households²



6.6%

of households speak a language other than English²



¹ The ADC classifies abuse into 5 broad categories, with a list of signs to indicate the type of alleged abuse reported.

² 2016 [Population data by LGA](#)

² 2016 [Census QuickStats](#), where group household refers to unrelated flatmate or co-tenancy arrangements